UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA MIAMI DIVISION

ANN JOHNSON, AS THE REPRESENTATIVE OF A CLASS OF SIMILARLY SITUATED PERSONS, AND ON BEHALF OF THE ROYAL CARIBBEAN CRUISES LTD. RETIREMENT SAVINGS PLAN,

Civil No. 1:22-cv-21735-RNS/GOODMAN

Plaintiff,

v.

RUSSELL INVESTMENTS TRUST COMPANY (F/K/A RUSSELL TRUST COMPANY), ROYAL CARIBBEAN CRUISES LTD., AND ROYAL CARIBBEAN CRUISES LTD. INVESTMENT COMMITTEE

Defendants.

DEFENDANTS' JOINT RESPONSE TO PLAINTIFF'S MOTION FOR CLASS CERTIFICATION

Defendants, Russell Investments Trust Company, Royal Caribbean Cruises Ltd., and the Royal Caribbean Cruises Ltd. Investment Committee (collectively, the "<u>Defendants</u>"), by and through their undersigned counsel, respond to the Motion for Class Certification and Incorporated Memorandum of Law filed by Plaintiff Ann Johnson on March 22, 2024 (ECF Nos. 149 and 152) (the "Motion for Class Certification"), as follows:

Having reviewed the Motion for Class Certification, and accompanying declaration and exhibits, and having recently taken the deposition of Plaintiff Ann Johnson, Defendants do not oppose the Motion for Class Certification. Defendants reserve the right to move for decertification should ongoing fact and expert discovery in this action provide appropriate grounds to do so. *See Culpepper v. Irwin Mortg. Corp.*, 491 F.3d 1260, 1275 (11th Cir. 2007) ("Under Rule 23(c)(1) of

the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, district courts are free to revisit the initial decision to certify a class, in light of subsequent developments in the case.").

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on the 26th day of April, 2024, I electronically filed the foregoing document via CM/ECF, which caused a true and correct copy to be served electronically upon all entitled parties.

/<u>s/ Alejandro J. Paz</u> Alejandro J. Paz